Enhancing the Production Capacity of Panipat Reflnery

†3023, DR. D. MASTHAN : Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that Indian Oil Corporation has sent a proposal to enhance the present production capacity of Panipat Oil Refinery to 9 metric tonnes;

(b) if so, the basis of the proposal to enhance the production capacity of the said oil refinery immediately; and

(c) whether it is also a fact that this oil refinery is not utilising it$ existing production capacity to the optimum level; if not, the estimate of present rate of production thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI E. PONNUSWAMY) : (a) and (b) Indian Oil Corporation Ltd (lOCL) has undertaken the capacity expansion of its Panipat Refinery from 6 to 12 Million Metric Tonnes Per Annum (MMTPA). The expansion proposal would meet the future shortfall in the demand and supply of petroleum products in the northern region.

(c) The actual crude throughput in 1998-99 was 2.208 Million Metric Tonnes (MMT) and in 1999-2000, 4.153 MMT.

Marketing rights of Private and Joint Sector Refineries

3024. SHRI NAGENT)RA NATH OJHA :
SHRI GAYA SINGH:
Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state :

(a) Whether Government are considering a proposal to grant marketing rights to private and joint sector refineries; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI E POWWSWAMY): (a) and (b) Government have permitted marketing of decontrolled products to private and joint sector.

† Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.